UPDATE ON NOAA'S VIRTUAL LAB

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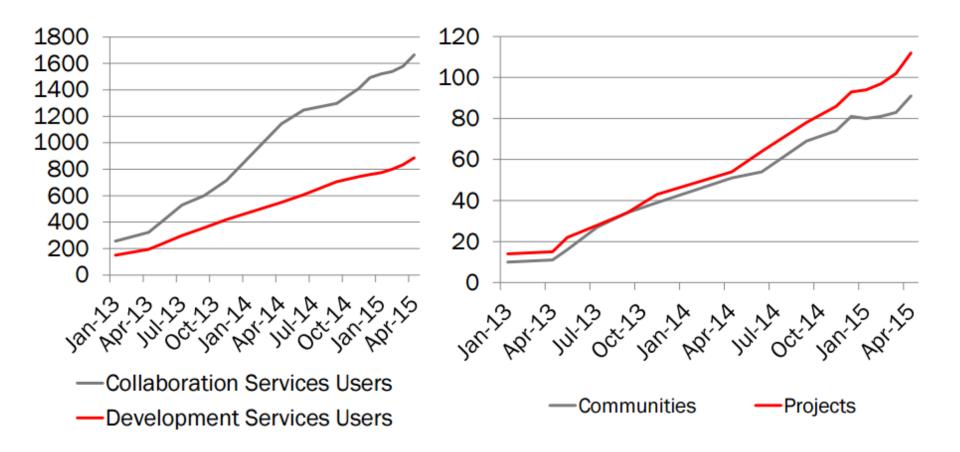
NOAA Testbed and Proving Ground Workshop

VLab is Rehosted at the NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction in College Park, Maryland December 2014

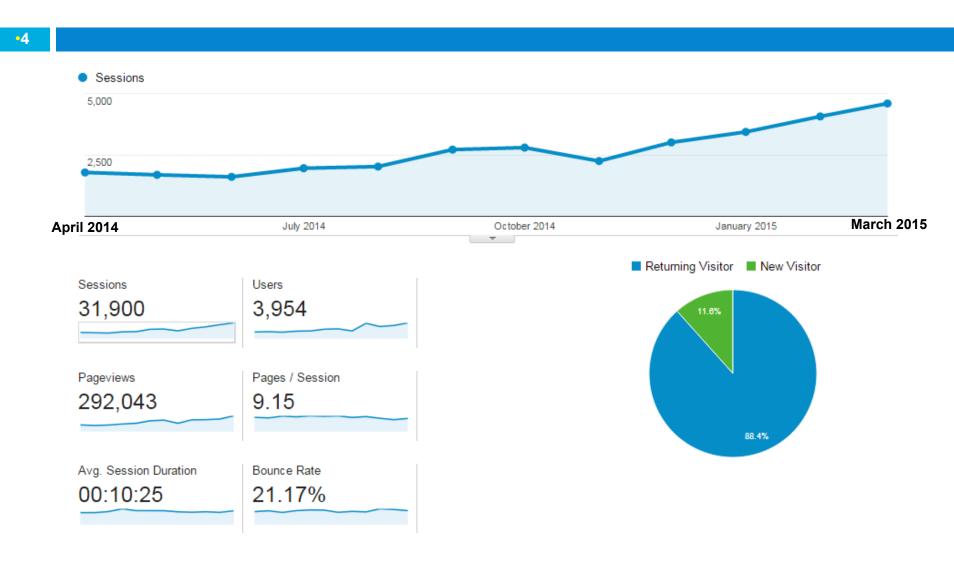


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Upcoming

- NOAA Projects Repository in VLab
- VLab Improvement Team (VIT)
- Centralized Development and Testing Environment

What is the NOAA Projects Repository in VLab?

It is a web interface that allows:

- 1) NOAA employees to investigate and compare R&D projects active in the agency to improve collaboration and R2A situational awareness
- 2) Allow the owners of NOAA R&D projects to input their project data to a central location in compliance with NAO 216-105 and the FY15 R2A performance measure pilot.

"R2A" Defined

The transition of R&D to APPLICATION (R2A) means either:

R20:

The transition to **OPERATIONS** (to NOAA operations or to the operations of external partners and agencies)

R2C:

The transition to **COMMERCIAL** applications (via patents, licenses, CRADAs)

R2U:

The transition to **OTHER USES** (e.g. policy and regulations, resource management, public education and outreach)

Transition Models:

R20: "Pass the Baton"



R2C: "Tech Transfer"



R2U:"Letter in the Mail" or "Message in a Bottle"



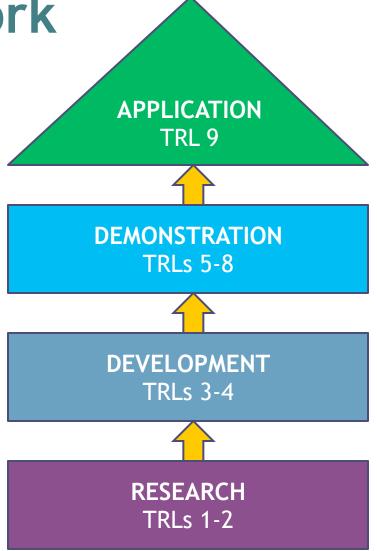
Measuring the Performance of NOAA's R&D 'Ecosystem' with respect to R2A

NOAA's R&D 'Ecosystem':

- 12,000 employees
- 5 Line Offices
- 7 Research Labs
- 16 Cooperative Institutes
- 100s of Operational Systems
- 100s R&D Units

Proposed Framework

- Projects move through four lifecycle phases on their way to (and including) application
- These four phases can be aligned with standard Technical Readiness Level (TRL) maturity index
- Applications can be of three different types: Operations, Commercial applications, or Other uses (see prior slide)
- The four phases (and underlying TRLs) may have variants (with more specific definitions), based on type of application, or domain of R&D



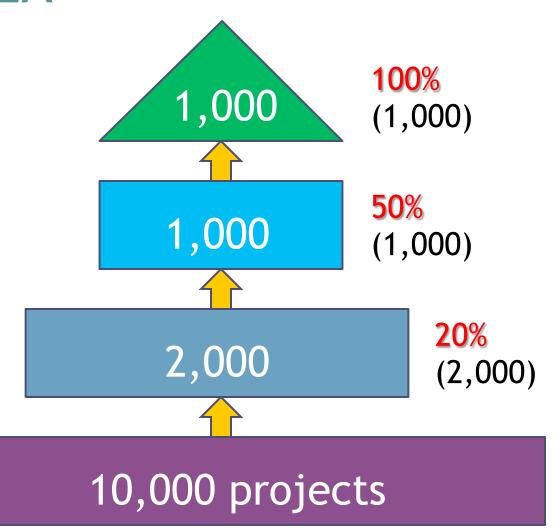
Effective R2A

APPLICATION TRL 9

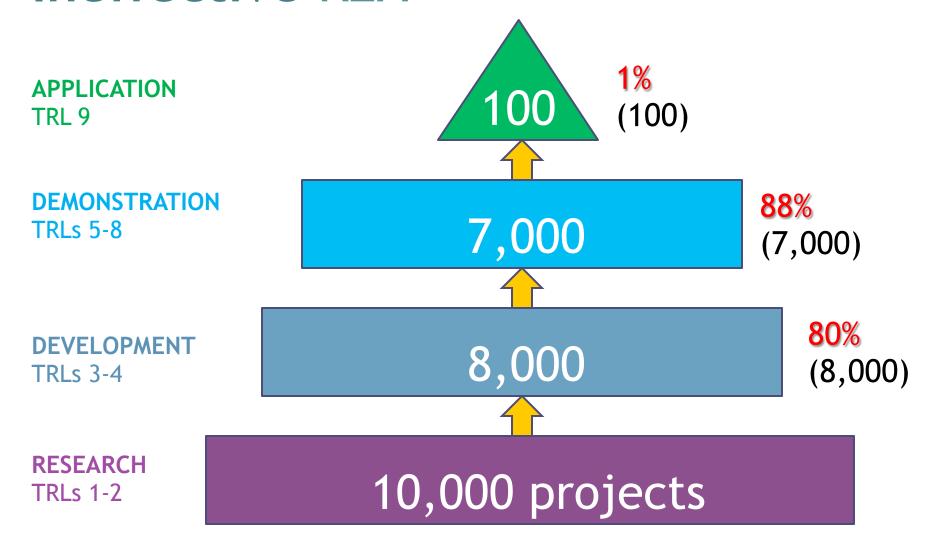
DEMONSTRATION TRLs 5-8

DEVELOPMENT TRLs 3-4

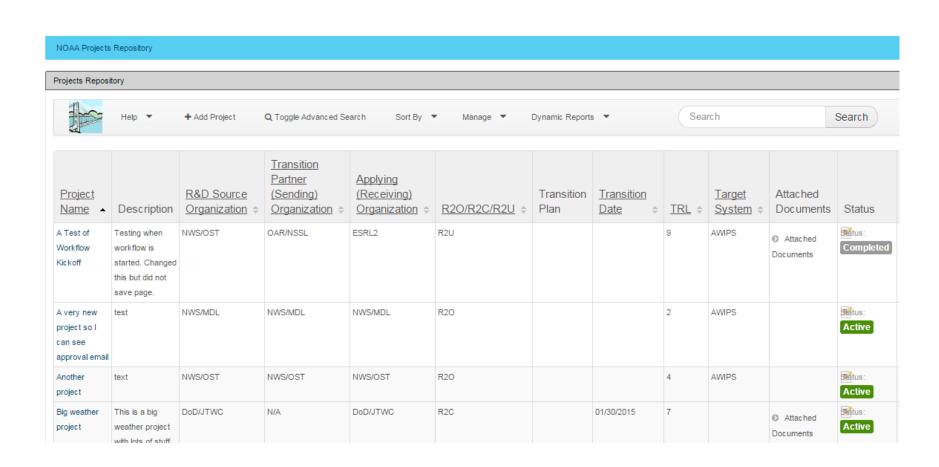
RESEARCH TRLs 1-2



Ineffective R2A



NOAA Projects Repository Portlet



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QUESTIONS?